

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-15 and 30-36.

Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected Group II, claims 16-29 and 37-41.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Carolyn T. Baumgardner (Reg. No. 41, 345) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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